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TAGS: OEXC, GR (CASSAPOGLOU, CONSTANTINE B.)

SUBJECT: CU/IVP/MR ENERGY LEADERS PROGRAM NOMINATION

REF: ATHENS 4437; STATE 16510, A-3772

1. EMBASSY NOMINATES CONSTANTINE B. CASSAPOGLOU, ADMINISTRATOR OF PLANNING AT PUBLIC POWER CORPORATION (PPC), FOR ENERGY LEADERS PROGRAM. PPC IS SEMI-AUTONOMOUS PUBLIC AGENCY HAVING RESPONSIBILITY FOR GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRIC POWER THROUGHOUT GREECE. AS HEAD OF PLANNING FACILITY, CASSAPOGLOU IN IDEAL POSITION TO INFLUENCE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF AGENCY AND, IN BROADER SENSE, TO HELP INTRODUCE NEW ENERGY CONCEPTS TO GREECE. HIS ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS INCLUDE SCIENCE DOCTORATE FROM ATHENS POLYTECHNIC, M.S. FROM HARVARD, AND SUMMER COURSE AT M.I.T. ENERGY LEADERS PROJECT SUPPORTS OBJECTIVE III OF USIS CP AND ALL THREE CU WORLDWIDE OBJECTIVES AS THEY RELATE TO GREECE.

2. PPC NOW GOING THROUGH PHASE OF RAPID EXPANSION. CURRENT PROJECTIONS CALL FOR INITIATING OPERATION OF THE FIRST IN SERIES OF NUCLEAR UNITS IN 1983. EXPORT POTENTIAL FOR US FIRMS IN NUCLEAR AND HYDRO-ELECTRIC FIELDS IS EXCELLENT. IN ADDITION, IT POSSIBLE RECENT GREEK PETROLEUM STRIKES WILL PROMOTE RE-EMPHASIS ON OIL-FIRED UNITS, OPENING-UP ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR US SALES.

3. EMBASSY BELIEVES CASSAPOGLOU'S PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC
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QUALIFICATIONS MAKE HIM STRONG CANDIDATE FOR GRANT. IN LIGHT

GREECE'S RETURN TO CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT, OPPORTUNE TIMING
FOR IVP AWARD HERE.

4. CASSAPOGLOU HAD INDICATED PREFERENCE TO ATTEND ENTIRE WORLD
ENERGY CONFERENCE (SEPTEMBER 22-27), AS WELL AS NO 3 FOLLOW-ON
TOUR (SEE A-3772) IF THIS NOT DUPLICATIVE. OTHER PROGRAM
PREFERENCES INCLUDE VISITS TO FEDERAL POWER COMMISSION,
BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION AND TVA. WOULD ALSO LIKE
OPPORTUNITY TO BROADEN KNOWLEDGE IN FOLLOWING AREAS: SYSTEM
CONTROLS, ENGINEERING OPERATIONS OF INTERCONNECTED SYSTEMS,
NUCLEAR POWER STATION OPERATIONS; PUMPED STORAGE ELECTRICITY,
NEWEST DEVELOPMENTS IN EQUIPMENT (PARTICULARLY GENERATORS AND
NUCLEAR COMPONENTS -- CASSAPOGLOU SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED TO
VISIT GE OR WESTINGHOUSE), CODE OF CLASSIFICATION, NATURAL GAS
INSTALLATIONS (STORAGE, DISTRIBUTION). WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE
CHANCE TO DISCUSS ENERGY PROBLEMS WITH HIGH-LEVEL AMERICAN
OFFICIALS, PARTICULARLY CRISIS IN PRIMARY ENERGY FORMS AND
METHODS OF ENERGY CONSERVATION

5. EMBASSY REQUESTING FULL GRANT WHICH WOULD ALSO COVER
DOLLARS 100 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEE. PPC WILL MAKE
RESERVATIONS FOR CONFERENCE AND ATTEMPT TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS
FOR FOLLOW-ON TOUR DESPITE DEADLINE. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE
OUTLINED A-4842 (SEPTEMBER 9-OCTOBER 8) SUITABLE AS PERIOD
OF GRANT.

6. CASSAPOGLOU VISA ELIGIBILITY ESTABLISHED
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7. BASIC BIO DATA:

PDOB: ISTANBUL, TURKEY, 9/14/25

SEX: M

CIT: GREECE

PRESENT POSITION: ADMINISTRATOR OF PLANNING FOR PUBLIC
POWER CORPORATION (SINCE '69)

PAST POSITIONS: (68-9) ASST., DIRECTOR PRODUCTION
AND TRANSMISSION OPERATIONS

(60-7) HEAD, SYSTEM OPERATIONS DEPT.

(58-9) HEAD, SYSTEM STUDIES SECTION,
PLANNING DEPT

(51-8) VARIOUS POSITIONS IN ENGINEERING DEPT

(53-60) ASSISTANT TO PROFESSOR ON ELECTRIC
MEASUREMENTS AND HIGH TENSIONS, ATHENS
POLYTECHNIC

SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE FOR ENERGY FUELS THAT
CONTRIBUTED TO THE PREPARATION OF THE NATIONAL LONG-RANGE
DEVELOPMENT PLAN (1973-87)

EDUCATION: GRADUATE IN MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING,
ENGINEERING SCIENCE AND APPLIED PHYSICS
DOCTOR OF SCIENCE, ATHENS POLYTECHNIC.
SUMMER COURSE, MIT ('49)

LANGUAGES: FLUENT IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH, READING
KNOWLEDGE OF GERMAN

MEMBERSHIPS TECHNICAL CHAMBER OF GREECE, HELLENIC SOCIETY OF
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OPERATIONAL RESEARCH, SENIOR MEMBER OF
INSTITUTE OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS
ENGINEERS, INC

PUBLICATIONS: AUTHOR/CO-AUTHOR OF A NUMBER OF PAPERS ON
FOLLOWING TOPICS:
SHORT CIRCUITS IN ELECTRIC SYSTEMS COMPARATIVE
COSTS OF ELECTRIC POWER TRANSMISSION
RULE CURVES OF HYDROELECTRIC PLANTS
ELECTRICITY TARIFFS
ECONOMIC DISPATCHING - HYDRO-THERMAL
OPTIMIZATION
ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT OF HYDRO-ELECTRICAL PROJECTS
ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT OF NUCLEAR PLANTS
INVESTMENT SELECTION FOR INTEGRATED POWER
PRODUCTION SYSTEM
PUMPED STORAGE CAPACITY PLANNING

8. ADDITIONAL BIO DATA ON PRINCIPAL CANDIDATE AND
NOMINATION OF ALTERNATE WILL FOLLOW VIA AIRGRAM.

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